

Remarks

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indicated allowability of claim 6 is noted with appreciation. Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form and therefore is now in proper condition for allowance.

New claims 7-9 have been added and depended from allowable claim 6, and therefore are allowable for at least the same reasons. Claim 7-9 are patterned after claims 2, 3 and 5, respectively.

As a general note, reference characters have been deleted from the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Issue is still taken with the rejections for the reasons set forth in the reply to the Office Action dated October 5, 2009.

In an effort to advance this application to allowance, claim 1 has been amended to make it clear that the electronic switches are driven simultaneously into the closing state.

In addition, the claim has been amended into a Jepson-type format, making it clear the claim recites a valve.

In view of the amendments and the remarks previously submitted, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

The dependent claims recite still further features not found in a combination similar to that claimed. Inasmuch as the dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the claims from which they depend, the Examiner's comments in respect thereof need not be addressed and this should not be construed to be an acquiescence in the contentions made by the Examiner.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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